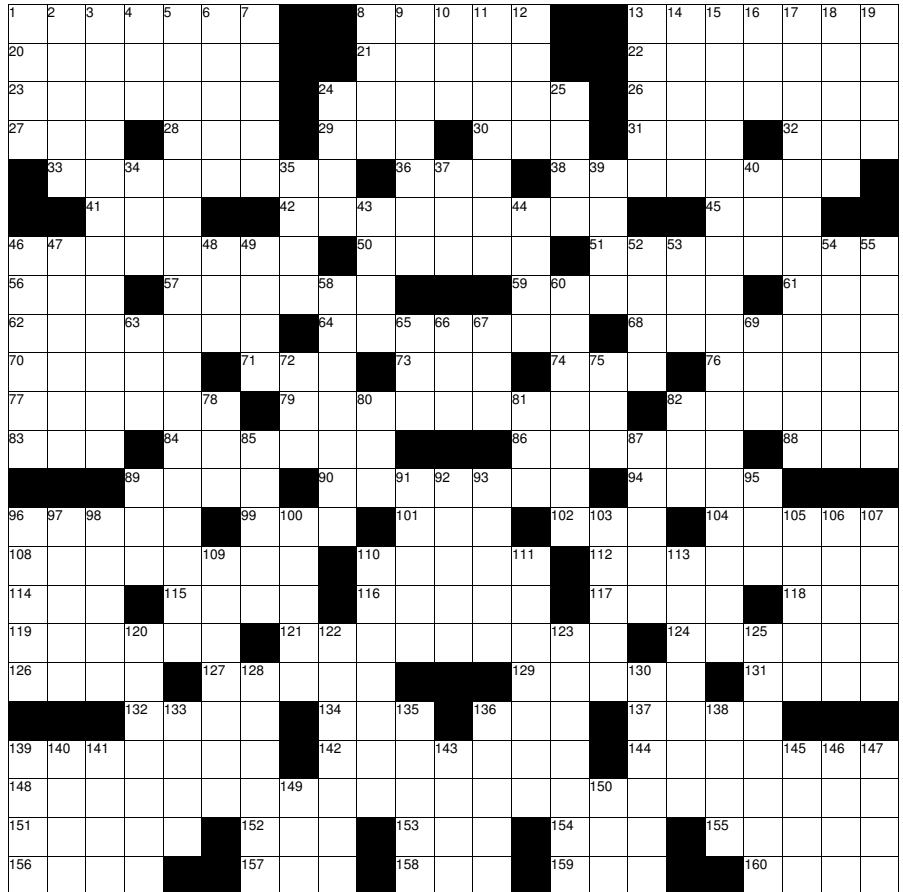


ACROSS

1. Passes with flying colors
8. Home of Hells Gate State Park
13. A lot of an orchestra
20. Really, really want
21. Break off
22. "Are we not joking about that yet?"
23. Sounded sheepish?
24. Roulette bet
26. How pets may fly
27. Came to realize
28. Avant-garde composer Brian
29. Quick flight
30. Something groundbreaking?
31. N.B.A.'er Smits, a k a the Dunkin' Dutchman
32. Amaze
33. Shed thing
36. Source of some rings
38. Felt in the gut
41. Richard Gere title role of 2000
42. Peach, e.g.
45. Onetime "S.N.L." regular Tina
46. Snack food with a Harvest Cheddar flavor
50. "Butter knife" of golf
51. Deem
56. Austin-to-Waco dir.
57. Frozen, perhaps
59. Escapee from a witch in a Grimm tale
61. Swingers' grp.
62. It may be put down on a roll
64. Up for bidding
68. Strong aversion, colloquially
70. Kind of moment
71. 10 Downing St. figures
73. R.V. refuge org.
74. Reflux
76. Places for needles
77. Go by
79. Exactly right
82. Mythological triad
83. Porker's place
84. Creatures known to lick their own eyeballs
86. Itty-bitty
88. "Cómo es ___?" (Spanish "Why?")
89. Nuts about
90. It guards the heart
94. Kind of romance between actors
96. One of the Gandhis
99. ___ Grand
101. Vegas opening?
102. ___ Na Na
104. What might go for a dip?
108. Worked up
110. Big name in late-night
112. "Don't try any more tricks!"
114. Brooks or Blanc

115. When repeated, an old sitcom farewell
116. Cry of self-pride
117. Beginning
118. Preceders of xis
119. Stretched figures
121. R&B funk trio with the 1990 hit "Feels Good"
124. One using twisted humor
126. Is worth doing
127. Trattoria topper
129. Letter-shaped support
131. Provides service that can't be beat?
132. Stave (off)
134. Part of a sunbow
136. Shih ___ (dog)
137. Blue stuff
139. Bitter quarrels
142. Input
144. Beatles' last studio album
148. Annual Manhattan event (represented symbolically in this puzzle)
151. Transmission repair franchise
152. Footnote abbr.
153. Zero
154. Christmas ___
155. Leader of the Silver Bullet Band
156. Lillian of silents
157. Seek damages
158. Org. that infiltrated Nazi Germany
159. Rx amount: Abbr.
160. In thing



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DOWN

1. Doesn't shut up
2. Razzle-dazzle
3. With 5-Down, when 148-Across traditionally takes place
4. Pirate's realm
5. See 3-Down
6. Ceaselessly
7. Intense heat
8. La Palma, e.g.
9. Canned foods giant
10. Cosmetics giant
11. Title for Judge Judy
12. Cookie with creme
13. Wakens
14. Picker-upper
15. Where 148-Across takes place
16. "Yes, Virginia, there ___ Santa Claus"
17. Traditional centerpiece of 148-Across
18. "Diary of a Madman" author
19. December fall
24. Dinner in a can
25. "Whip It" band
34. Discus path
35. Mount in myth
37. Here, in Dijon

39. "Deus ___" (1976 sci-fi novel)
40. Low-___
43. Hardly a plain Jane
44. Capital of Iceland?
46. Winds
47. Detach, in a way
48. Movie co. behind "Wordplay" and "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
49. Ready
52. Blind guess
53. French seasoning
54. Texas A&M athletes
55. Asserts something
58. Magnetic disruption in space
60. 1960s girl group, with "the"
63. Literary inits.
65. It's picked in Maui
66. Part of an ear
67. Torque's symbol
69. Gate projection, for short
72. Man in the hood?
75. One-named rock star
78. Stream of consciousness, for short?
80. Chu ___ (legendary Confucian sage)
81. What it must do
82. PX patrons
85. Fraudster
87. Frenchman's term of address
89. Shtick
91. Swell
92. Echo producer
93. "Right there with you"
95. Chinese "way"
96. Clean again, as a floor
97. Tiny creature
98. Like St. Nick
100. Overfills
103. Firm newbie
105. Sarcastic sort
106. Take in, as guests
107. Sends packing
109. Bingeing
110. Award named for a Hall-of-Fame pitcher
111. Blogger, e.g.
113. Just below the boiling point
120. Start for 148-Across?
122. Not benched, as in hockey

123. Not overspending
125. Set to go off, say
128. Flops in lots
130. Out
133. Extra-large top?
135. Start for -centric
136. Essays
138. Western tribe
139. Kind of party
140. Cuisine with pad see ew noodles
141. Signs of dreaming
143. Wide-lapel jackets
145. It was wrapped around the Forum
146. Rare blood type, for short
147. Jane at Thornfield
149. Funny Costello
150. Walgreens rival